

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: TENNESSEE

A. DEFINITION OF BLINDNESS IN TERMS OF OPHTHALMIC MEASUREMENT

To be eligible based on blindness, an individual must meet the definition of statutory blindness. Statutory blindness is central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with use of a correcting lens. An eye which has a limitation in the field of vision so that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees is considered to have a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less.

*Agency that determines eligibility for coverage.

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B. DEFINITION OF PERMANENT AND TOTAL DISABILITY

Inability to do any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months. The individual must have a severe impairment which makes them unable to do their previous work or any other substantial gainful activity which exists in the national economy. To determine disability residual functional capacity, age, education and work experience are considered.

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